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*For Congressional
Relations*

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Legislative Counsel

FROM :

Chief, Congressional Support Staff

SUBJECT :

Intelligence Briefings on Congressional
Committees

1. Your memorandum of 24 March conveyed Admiral Turner's guidance about briefing on the unclassified level. Attached is the list of proposed briefings which we sent to you earlier. The following could probably be given at an unclassified level without reference to sources:

Foreign Civil Air Developments

The Impact of Fishing Zone Regulations

The World Energy Situation

The Soviet Merchant Marine

The World Economic Outlook for 1977

Attachment: as stated

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PROPOSED BRIEFINGS

1. Issue : Soviet and Chinese Space Programs--
an examination of on-going military
and non-military programs as well as
a look at trends for the future.

Classification : Top Secret Codeword

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Trans-
portation Subcommittee on Science
and Space

House Science and Technology

Providing Office : OWI
2. Issue : Foreign Civil Air Developments--
a review of what the USSR, China, and
others are doing in civil aviation
both as domestic and international
carriers; would include an idea of
the trends we see ahead. We also can
discuss the importance of air trans-
port programs in other areas such as
Western Europe and the impact of US
competition, but would prefer not to
try discussing world-wide civil air--
the subject is too big for convenient
briefing format.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Tech-
nology Subcommittee on Aviation

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Providing Offices : OER and OSI.
3. Issue : The Impact of Fishing Zone Regulations--
an examination of the economic, fish-
and enforcement problems, particularly
in an increasingly hungry world.

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Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senate Interior and Insular Affairs
House Merchant Marine and Fisheries
House Interior and Insular Affairs
House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
House Ad Hoc on the Continental Shelf

Providing Offices : OER & OGCR

4. Issue : The Soviet Hard Currency Debt--
a look at the problems the Soviets face in making purchases in the West and the steps they are taking to alleviate the situation; also the impact on Soviet acquisition of plants and equipment.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
House Banking, Currency, and Housing
House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Providing Office : OER

5. Issue : The World Energy Situation--the status of fossil fuel reserves and production with a review of US energy sources now and over the next few years; problems facing both the developed and underdeveloped nations; pricing and its

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economic impact; the cohesiveness of OPEC; other energy sources now and in the future.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Providing Office : OER

6. Issue : The Soviet Merchant Marine--a detailed examination of fleet composition, missions, construction, and trends.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

House Merchant Marine and Fisheries

Providing Office : OER

7. Issue : Key Foreign Positions on the Law of the Sea--an examination of major points at issue in the negotiations and where the key players stand on them.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Senate Interior and Insular Affairs

Senate Judiciary

House Merchant Marine and Fisheries

House Interior and Insular Affairs

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

House Judiciary

Providing Office : OGCR

8. Issue : The World Economic Outlook for 1977--
the impact of inflation, higher oil
prices, trade, and various other fac-
tors on the economies of the developed
West, the Communist bloc, and the LDCs
with a forecast of economic conditions
for the rest of the year.

Classification : Secret

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Trans-
portation

Senate Finance

Senate Budget

Joint Economic

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

House Budget

Providing Office : OER

9. Issue : Technology Transfer--Soviet and Chinese
efforts to acquire advanced technology
in the West.

Classification : Top Secret Codeword

Potential Customers: Senate Commerce, Science, and Trans-
portation

House Interstate and Foreign Commerce

House Science and Technology

Providing Offices : OSI and OER

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24 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:



CPS/DDI

Deputy Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

Intelligence Briefings of Congressional
Committees

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1. Admiral Turner's guidance: "Seems to me most data to non-Armed Forces appropriation and Foreign Relations Committees could be almost unclassified as long as we are careful to extract indicators of source--lean in that direction." (See attached memorandum.)

2. In this morning's meeting, Admiral Turner underscored and reaffirmed this guidance with respect to sharing our production.

3. Admiral Turner has now asked Mr. Cary to pick up for him and volunteer the briefings we had proposed.

4. In making these contacts, I think we need advice soonest as to which of the briefings identified by you can be provided without seriously denigrating their substance, in accordance with Admiral Turner's guidance. We will need this information for our contacts with the various committees, as it will be a very important factor in formatting our procedures with the committees.

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Attachment:

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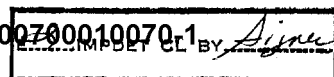
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12 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Intelligence Briefings of Congressional Committees

1. I expect to see Representative Thomas Foley (D., Wash.), who is Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, early next week.

2. It is my intention to talk with him about the type of briefings that you are going to give to the various committees on topics of current interest to them. We have had a good relationship with Representative Foley in recent years and have worked out arrangements for briefings which would provide the Committee with useful information but protect the sensitivity of some of the material involved. I also plan to talk to Representative Foley (as I mentioned to you yesterday) about the subject of a joint or select committee on intelligence in the House. He is in an influential position as Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, and I think we should solicit his views and his support.

3. I had a preliminary discussion with Werner Brandt, Representative Foley's Legislative Assistant. Mr. Brandt said he was sure that Representative Foley would be willing to have his Committee used as a pilot or sample project for this approach. Mr. Brandt made several observations which I think are of interest:

a. He thinks the Committee would be interested in anything we can provide on the subject of Chinese crop forecasting and information on former areas of the world which have experienced food shortages and which now have food surpluses.

b. He is concerned as to how, procedurally, this information can be imparted to the Committee or to its Subcommittee in such a way as to protect the sensitivity of our information where necessary. He is edgy about the effects of House Rule XI and also the increasing involvement of members' personal staff aides in the affairs of Congressional committees. He said it is almost impossible to impose any discipline from above.

c. He suggests informal sessions in the Chairman's office with members, in whom the Chairman has confidence, over coffee or a drink or visits to the Agency where these discussions could take place in a similar informal environment.

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4. I told Mr. Brandt to think about this between now and the time I meet with Representative Foley, so that we could get together on a suitable forum for these sessions. These comments are merely one man's reactions, but I think they are significant since he and Representative Foley have had some exposure to our briefings, have confidence in our product, yet are concerned that our offer of cooperation not create difficulties for us in terms of leaks. As I believe we have mentioned, Representative Olin E. Teague (D., Texas) of the Committee on Science and Technology, has expressed similar concern about classified briefings over the years and, therefore, has not scheduled formal committee sessions for such briefings.

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